

STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2013
DBHDS Central Office, Richmond

**Friday, December
6**

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present	Anand Pandurangi, MD, Chair ; Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ivey Green; Thomas Kirkup; Paula Mitchell; Bonnie Neighbour, Vice Chair ; The Hon. Amelia Ross-Hammond, Ph.D.; Col. (Ret.) Anthony Soltys.
Staff Present	Charline Davidson, Director of Planning and Development Olivia J. Garland, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner Linda Grasewicz, Assistant Director and Regulatory Coordinator, Office of Planning and Budget Paul Gilding, Director, Office of Community Contracting Sara Maddox, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs John Pezzoli, Assistant Commissioner, Behavioral Health Services James W. Stewart, III, Commissioner Ruth Anne Walker, Director of Legislative Affairs, and Board Liaison Margaret Walsh, Director, Office of Human Rights
Others	William Frank, Public Policy Manager, Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB) Dr. Jim Forrester, Director for the System of Care and Cheryl DeHaven, Manager of Recovery and Resiliency, Magellan of Virginia Captain Cathy Wilson, Executive Director of Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Veterans Services
Call to Order and Introductions	At 9:35 Anand Pandurangi called the December 6, 2013, board meeting to order.
Approval of Agenda	<i>At 9:36, upon a motion by Bonnie Neighbour and seconded by Paula Mitchell, the board unanimously approved the December 6, 2013, meeting agenda.</i>
Approval of Draft Minutes	At 9:37 the board reviewed the draft minutes of the October 10, 2013, meeting. <i>At 9:37, upon a motion by Anthony Soltys and seconded by Amelia Ross-Hammond, the minutes of the October 10, 2013, board meeting were unanimously approved.</i>
Public Comment	At 9:38 Anand Pandurangi called for public comments. No public

comments were offered.

Regulatory Action

At 9:40 Linda Grasewicz provided a general update on regulatory action as listed in the matrix in the board's meeting packet and let the board know that the Governor's office had approved all of the pending regulations from DBHDS. She also gave a brief update on the status of the Human Rights regulations, stating that staff should have draft regulations ready for review at the April meeting.

Committee Reports

Grant Review

At 9:45, Ms. Grasewicz stated that there have not been any grants submitted for review.

Commissioner's Report

At 9:51, Jim Stewart addressed the board on a number of topics:

- November 19 incident;
- Training center transitions and census;
- Sale of state facility properties;
- Website redesign; and
- Administration transition.

He indicated that investigations would be conducted by the DBHDS Office of Licensing, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and the Office of Inspector General. Discussion focused on the work currently occurring and what needs to occur to improve Virginia's mental health services system.

Deputy Commissioner Olivia Garland gave brief remarks on a number of items, including an update on the DOJ Settlement Agreement, grants through the Individual and Family Support Program, the Crisis Services Programs, Bridge Funding for NVTC and SVTC, and the movement of the DD Waiver program from DMAS to DBHDS.

Committee Reports (cont.)

Planning and Budget

At 10:45 Charline Davidson provided an update on the Planning and Budget Committee. The committee brought forward two suggested amendments for the board's consideration. The first amendment would align the numbers in the Comprehensive State Plan with the numbers from the DBHDS Annual Report. The second amendment would be to include a statement in the service overview section related to the role of state hospitals in the Commonwealth's safety net. Upon hearing the second amendment, Commissioner Stewart asked the board to hold off on any kind of statement until the investigations have been completed.

At 10:58 Cheryl Ivey-Green made a motion to adopt amendment 1 and accept the Comprehensive Plan with that change. Dr. Ross-Hammond seconded the motion and there was unanimous agreement in favor of accepting the draft plan.

**Policy Development
and Evaluation**

At 11:00 Ruth Anne Walker reported on the actions of the Policy and Evaluation Committee and conveyed that the committee asked for the board's concurrence with those decisions, as follows:

- 1041 (SYS)06-4 (Services for Individuals with Mental Illnesses, Mental Retardation, or Substance Use Disorders Who Are or Are at Imminent Risk of Becoming Involved with the Criminal Justice System): Update
- 1038 (SYS)06-1 (The Safety Net of Public Services): Update
- 1042 (SYS)07-1 (Primary Health Care): Update

These three policies were adopted as revised en bloc. Dr. Ross-Hammond made the motion and Mr. Kirkup seconded it. All members voted in favor of the motion.

- 1010 (SYS)86-7 (Board Role in the Development of the Department's Comprehensive State Plan for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services): Draft language to be incorporated into Board bylaws
- 2010 (ADM)88-2 (Policy Development and Evaluation): Draft language to be incorporated into Board bylaws

The board approved in concept the idea of incorporating the purpose of these two policies into the bylaws. Dr. Ross-Hammond made the motion to endorse in concept and Cheryl Ivey-Green seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

- 1025 (SYS) 89-3 Services Accessibility for Persons With Physical or Sensory Disabilities: Rescind

The board voted to rescind this policy. Mr. Soltys motioned that the board rescind the policy. Dr. Ross-Hammond seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

**Magellan of
Virginia**

In response to a request from the Board, at 11:20, Dr. Jim Forrester, from Magellan of Virginia, gave a presentation on the organization and its contract with the Commonwealth and the services that are being provided.

At 12:00, Dr. Pandurangi called for a break and for the board members to gather their lunches.

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Virginia Wounded Warrior Program	At 12:15, Dr. Pandurangi introduced Captain Cathy Wilson, Executive Director of the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program and the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Veterans Services. Her presentation described the services provided to veterans through the Wounded Warrior Program and how DBHDS is a part of those services. She thanked DBHDS for the dedication and leadership provided on veterans' issues.
Update on the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards	<p>At 12:55 William Frank, Public Policy Manager for the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, provided an update on activities of the VACSB and shared that their annual conference will be held on January 21 and 22 at The Omni. He also noted that VACSB Director, Mary Ann Bergeron has been appointed to the Governor-elect's transition policy team for mental health.</p> <p>He shared that VACSB will bring forward one piece of legislation, carried by Delegate O'Bannon, that relates to transportation and authorizing "any other willing law enforcement agency" to transport an individual who is the subject of a temporary detention order (TDO).</p>
Legislative Review	At 1:10, Ms. Walker shared with the board that the 2014 Session of the General Assembly will be very busy for the agency. She shared that the agency had not yet received word from the Governor's office on legislative action related to DBHDS.
Miscellaneous Board Liaison Reports	At 1:15 board members reported on liaison activities since the July meeting.
State Board Annual Executive Summary	<p>At 1:20 Ms. Walker presented the draft State Board Annual Executive Summary and went over the changes that had been made from the previous year's report.</p> <p><i>A motion was made by Bonnie Neighbour and seconded by Paula Mitchell to vote in favor of finalizing the draft report. The draft report was finalized with a unanimous vote of support from the board.</i></p>
Volunteer Recognition Survey	At 1:30, Ms. Walker passed out the survey results from a number of CSB executive directors and state facility directors. There was agreement that certificates passed out in person at the various State Board meetings would be a good idea. At the direction of the board, staff (with assistance from Bonnie Neighbour and Dr. Ross-Hammond) will begin work on a proposal to present at the April meeting for the Board's consideration.
Other Business	At 1:36 Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, Sara Maddox, introduced herself to the board.

At 1:38 there was discussion, and agreement upon, the idea of sending a letter to Governor-elect McAuliffe with a copy of the State Board Annual Executive Summary. The intention is to highlight the priorities of the board to the new gubernatorial administration as conveyed to Governor McDonnell in November.

Adjournment

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m. The next meeting of the full board will be held on April 24, 2013, in Danville.

Ananda K. Pandurangi, Chair

Sara Maddox